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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ferencz Denes et al.

Title: **HARD CARBON FILMS FORMED
FROM PLASMA TREATED POLYMER
SURFACES**

Appl. No.: 10/686,790

Filing Date: 10/16/2003

Examiner: Melanie D. Bissett

Art Unit: 1711

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Examiner:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ [X] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

☐ [] Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

☒ [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims		Previously		Extra Claims		Rate		Additional
	As		Paid For		Present				Claims Fee
	Amended								
Total Claims:	30	-	35	=	0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent	3	-	4	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
Claims:									
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:							+	\$360.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL								=	\$0.00

- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
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EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$0.00

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2350 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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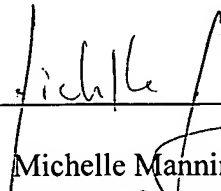
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Examiner Bissett:

This communication is a reply to a Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2005, in relation to the above-referenced patent application. The period for the initial response to the Office Action is set to expire on February 28, 2006. Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for the filing or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-2350. For the purpose of using said deposit account, a duplicate of page one and the signature page of the Response is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: